GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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EMPLOYEES ON CONTRACT BASIS IN DD KENDRAS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that persons are employed on contract basis as news-readers and announcers in various Doordarshan Kendras;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to absorb these persons in regular posts since news-reading and programme announcing works are of a perennial nature;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the number of persons working as news-readers and announcers on contract basis in Kerala Doordarshan Kendra?

Answer

The Minister of State of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and Minister of State of the Department of Disinvestment

(Shri Arun Jaitley)

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) No Sir.

(c) The day to day professional and functional requirements of Doordarshan are served better by the present system of empanelling News Readers and Announcers on assignment basis.

(d) At present there are seven persons on the casual News Reader panel and sixteen on the panel of casual Announcers.